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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/820,479	Applicant(s) MOSKOWITZ, DAVID W.	
	Examiner Charleswort Rae	Art Unit 1611	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-5 and 8-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgement is made of applicants' filing of the instant application as a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.1114. By Amendment filed 1/28/08.

Applicant's amendment filed 11/30/07 is acknowledged and made of record.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 1-5, and 8-15 are withdrawn for examination purposes for being directed to non-elected subject matter.

Claims 6-7 are presented for examination.

Response to applicant's arguments/remarks

Scope of enablement rejection under 112, 1st para

Applicant contends that this rejection should be withdrawn in view of the claim amendment limiting the scope of the claims to treating coronavirus infections.

In response, this rejection is maintained as applicant's argument is not found to be persuasive for the reasons made of record in the Office action mailed 10/02/07 at pages 3 to 9. To reiterate, claim 6 encompasses a multiplicity of coronaviruses that are known to cause distinct clinical manifestations. In particular, claim 6 recites the term "coronavirus infections" which is construed to encompass any and all coronavirus species/strains. However, someone of skill in the art would not be able to reasonably extrapolate the asserted improvement of pulmonary symptoms observed in practicing the instant invention in patients suffering from SARS to other patient populations suffering from different species/strains of coronaviruses in view of the fact that there is

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still no known cure for the coronavirus that causes SARS. To the extent that claim 7 is directed to the treatment "SARS," rather than the pulmonary symptomatology associated with said condition, the scope of claim 7 is deemed to be over broad. Thus, an artisan skilled in the art would not be able to reasonably and predictably practice the instant claimed invention commensurate with the scope of the claims without conducting undue experimentation.

Rejection

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112 – First Paragraph

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 6-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a method of treating symptoms related to viral infections which is considered an embodiment within the scope of the treatment of coronavirus infections associated with pulmonary symptoms/syndromes (e.g. SARS), does not reasonably provide enablement for the treatment of a viral infection via a treatment that targets the viral agent itself. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims for the reasons made of record in the Office action mailed 10/02/07 at pages 3-9, which are incorporated by reference, and for the additional reasons discussed above in connection with the Response to applicant's arguments/remarks.

This is a scope of enablement rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charlesworth Rae whose telephone number is 571-272-6029. The examiner can normally be reached between 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward, can be reached at 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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